GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal immigration having links with the underworld in the country is still continuing;

(b) if so, the details thereof and names of States wherein such network is operating;

(c) the names of countries whose citizens are involved in such illegal activities;

(d) whether the Government has taken steps to check such activities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) As per available information, there is no input indicating nexus between illegal immigrants and the underworld.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): A number of steps have been taken to check illegal immigration. The power under Section 3(2)(c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals staying in India illegally has been delegated to the State Governments & Union Territory Administrations. Besides, instructions are issued to them from time to time to launch special drives to detect and deport foreigners staying illegally in the country. Other measures include construction of border fencing, raising of additional battalions of border guarding forces, reduction of gap between the border outposts by increasing the number of outposts, intensification of patrolling, both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, provision of modern surveillance equipment etc.